THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Three cases of unlawful possession of khoya were detected and 415 kg. of khoya was seized by Delhi Administration.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In course of intensive checkings made during May, June and July (till 19.7.91), 8 FIRs were lodged and 12 persons arrested.

(e) Cases are under investigations and further action as per law will be taken by the UT Administration.

Subernerekha multi-purpose Project (Bihar)

1764. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item entitled "VMV men on hunger-strike" which appeared in the Statesman, New Delhi, dated 10th July, 1991;

(b) the World Bank team now on a visit at Chandil, near Jamshedpur, to examine the second phase of the Subernerekha multipurpose project has expressed concern about the socio-environmental impact of the project as the project formulated does not include activities to rehabilitate the families displaced by the project; as indicated by the World Bank team to members of Visthapit Mukti Vahini, a local voluntary organisation; and

(c) in view of the resource crunch what steps Government proposes to take to reformulate the project by taking into account fresh requirements from the socio-environmental angle in order that funds are not blocked and the project is expedited?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The World Bank Team, which visited the States of Bihar and Orissa in connection with the second phase of the Subernerekha Multipurpose project, has not commented adversely on the environmental impact of the Project. On the other hand, they have expressed satisfaction with the policies formulated by the States of Bihar and Orissa with regard to rehabilitation and resettlement. They have also stressed the need to implement these policies quickly. The Visthapit Mukti Vahini has since withdrawn their agitation.

(c) After taking into account the socio-environmental concerns, the project has been planned to be constructed in phases matching with the availability of resources.

Privatisation of Steel plant/under SAIL

1765. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner liberalisation of the economy and adherence to market forces would affect the State owned steel plants;

(b) what would be the effect of each of the different large steel plants under Steel Authority of India Limited;

(c) whether there is any move to privatise wholly or partially the steel plants under Steel Authority of India Limited; and

(d) if not, whether there is going to be any effect on Steel Authority of India Limited of the new economic philosophy, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB): (a) and (b) Liberalisation and greater effect of market forces, would in general, imply greater competition for the state owned steel plants. In this scenario, SAIL's steel plants would need to take steps to upgrade their technological status, increase their efficiency, effect economies